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U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
 OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF
 WATER TO VARIOUS WATER RIGHTS
 HELD BY OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF A&B
 IRRIGATION DISTRICT, AMERICAN
 FALLS RESERVOIR DISTRICT #2,
 BURLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT,
 MILNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT,
 MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT,
 NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, AND
 TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY

**RECLAMATION'S RESPONSE TO
 POCATELLO'S MOTION FOR
 EXTENSION OF DEADLINES AND
 IGWA'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF
 TIME**

COMES NOW the U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation
 ("Reclamation"), by and through its attorney, Kathleen Marion Carr, Office of the Field
 Solicitor, and responds to the Hearing Officer's May 2, 2006, *Order Inviting Responses to
 Motions for Changes in Scheduling Order* as requested by *Pocatello's Motion for
 Extension of Deadlines and to Reset Hearing* filed by the City of Pocatello ("Pocatello")
 and *IGWA's Separate Motion for Extension of Time* filed by the Idaho Ground Water
 Appropriators ("IGWA").

The Director wishes each party to address the deadlines set in this case, including
 the hearing, which is currently scheduled to commence on May 31, 2006. The Director
 also requests that the parties address what would be the best date for expert rebuttal

reports. As requested, Reclamation responds by joining in the response of the Surface Water Coalition filed on May 8, 2006 and entitled *Surface Water Coalition's Response to IGWA / Pocatello Extension Motions and Request for Status Conference*. Reclamation believes that the schedule set out by the Surface Water Coalition provides for sufficient additional time for both expert depositions to occur in June as well as for the parties' experts to review the depositions in order to submit expert rebuttal reports by its suggested deadline of August 7, 2006. Moreover, Reclamation agrees that the hearing date needs to be extended to September 26, 2006.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of May, 2006.

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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